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Applicant : Brian K. Doyle et al.  
Appln. No. : 10/025,403  
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SUBSTRATES AND METHOD OF PREPARING SAME

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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"prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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